Recommendations of Manisana Wage Board

5066. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manisana Wage Board's recommendations in regard to the service conditions of the employees are not being implemented in the "Statesman" being published from Kolkata, Delhi, Bhubaneswar and Siliguri; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to get the award implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) As per Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955, the responsibility of the implementation of the Wage Board Award lies with the respective State Governments. As per information received, the recommendations of the Manisana Wage Board are not being implemented in the 'Statesman' at Delhi, Kolkata and Siliguri as the matter is under adjudication before the High Court of Calcutta. The 'Statesman' is not being published from Bhubaneswar.

(b) Government have time and again impressed upon all States to take immediate steps, in particular to set up tripartite Implementation Committee/ Special Cells to oversee full and effective implementation of the recommendations of the Award. Besides, a Central Level Monitoring Committee under the Ministry of Labour has also been set up to review the progress of implementation of the Award.

Exemption from EPFO

5067. SHRI GAYA SINGH :
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies including the Public Sector Undertakings have sought exemption from the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for managing their own Employees Provident Funds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Applications have been received from 444 establishments including Public Sector Undertakings for grant of exemption from the provisions of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme, 1952. Proposals for exemption are examined in each case as per the eligibility criteria.